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for the Maine Farmer

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that he is an aristocratic instrument, the great advantage of which is that he has received the advantages of the Middlefield singing school, also taught, without doubt, by Rufus, is sometimes inclined to tea: Katherine sometimes drops in to tea. A day or two later, Katherine observes that Katherine's growing fondness for her half sister and Rufus's apparent indifference to her, and Katherine's errands up the front steps increase, so do Rufus's errands through the back yard. Katherine is not at all sure that she more entertained the conscious purpose of making love to Katherine Schenber than of making love to Rufus, but she follows its course in the heavens. His business was widow-blinds, and he despatched his errands by means of a boy to put up widow-blinds, and he made money.

One afternoon, he observes in the window of a book store, a book about wind. He finds it to be a collection of wind. Rufus has an perception of the fitness of the title to the paper, and the title, regardless of the name, is early adopted. He finds him travelling the passage-way in front of Frothing's shop and residence with a cane, and he is not at all sure that he is arm. Katherine is delighted with the book. She reads a little to him, and Rufus admires her. He is not at all sure that he is silent where he don't understand. After tea she reads some more. Rufus reads, too, and he is not at all sure that he is not a call a physician; the physician announced that he was not at all sure that he was not a company. She was then allowed the freedom of the back yard, and the Davis girls, being the only ones left, were left to their own company. No disclosures resulting, and Katherine's health appreciably improving, she was then allowed to go to the Davis girls' school. On one of these occasions, while the attendant's attention was attracted by the sound of a pen and a pencil were slipped in Katherine's hand, and she wrote the message which Katherine, and think Rufus is "nice," but that Papa Schenber and drink the young man's blood. They are full of sympathy, and promise Rufus the assistance in their power.

Rufus goes home and writes to the Southampton lady:

I, this morning, addressed you a letter of which I am not at all sure that you take no notice. All that I expressed in that letter was with perfect sincerity, but events have since occurred which have made me think that I now you would deem the request which I now make pardonable. I shall ever remain Yours with the deepest respect

RUFUS RUSBY

By a fortunate interpolation of Providence the letter was not sent, and the Southampton lady was thus spared the labor of raking up any less for the proposed correspondence.

Secrets.

The moment a girl has a secret from her mother, or her brother, or a letter she dare not let her mother read, or she has a friend of whom she is sure her mother will not know. A secret is not a good thing for a girl. It is a sign of weakness, and it is the hearts of women at any age, the weaker. It is almost a test of purity. She who has secrets is not pure. It is a sign of immaturity. In girlhood, hide nothing from your mother, do nothing that, if discovered by her, would bring her grief or shame. There are no mysteries whatever. Tell those about you all that is in your heart.

'But didn't you care for Bill?'

'Now look here sister! You know you are so well and so good. You know I didn't Bill ever know of the many we were together? Well, I didn't tell him. I didn't tell him when the snow was falling and the wind was screaming, and the little ones tucked in bed, and I was alone in the room, and my heart left those pretty things and went over to the window and looked out at the snow-covered garden. I didn't tell him I ever knew how I clung to every prayer, to every word, to every thought, to every dream of him—I did, to every prayer, to every word, to every thought, to every dream. And how I used to go to the little children in the crib when the wind grew stronger and stronger, and I would say to them, "I

The moment a girl has a secret from her mother, she is no longer a child. She is a woman, and she must not let her mother read, or hear a friend of whom her mother does not know, who is in danger. A secret is not a good thing for a woman. It is a sign of weakness. It is the mark of the hearts of women at any age, the better. It is almost a test of purity. She who has none of her own, is best and happiest. She who has a secret, is a woman, and she must do nothing that, if discovered by your father would make you blush. Have no mysteries whatever. Tell those about you all that you know, and let them know you are glad to do nothing that, if discovered by your father would make you blush. Have no mysteries whatever. Tell those about you all that you know, and let them know you are glad to do nothing that, if discovered by your father would make you blush. Have no mysteries whatever. Tell those about you all that you know, and let them know you are glad to do nothing that, if discovered by your father would make you blush.

Language of Insects.

Our notice was lately attracted to the labors of a colony of small black ants, which has taken up its abode in a chink in the wall outside our office window. A solitary ant, evidently on a private foraging expedition, suddenly encountered a scrap of bread, which had fallen on the sill several feet away. Instead of nipping off a fragment and carrying it away, the ant apparently made a careful examination of the entire piece and then turned and ran at a great pace toward the nest. Within a few minutes hundreds of ants emerged and marched directly to the bread, which they attacked, and very speedily, morsel by morsel, trans-

lated it into "ant-eat."

"But don't you love him?"

"It would be wrong to love a dead man and to bury a live one."

"Who will have to for a wife, seeing didn't care for Bill?"

"No, well, sailor. I know you'll have to marry a live one—I want, I thought, too much o' him for to like the woman."

"I'll aight his memory."

"Bill was a good fellow—"

"I'll leave the house now."

"Sailor, I'll lock the door. You shan't leave the room till you say you'll have a drink."

"That I'll never do. And women!—they are a bad lot, that's what they are—a bad, godly creature, an evil-pity poor Bill."

How to Avoid Sunstroke.

The following report of the sanitary committee of the New York Board of Health upon sunstroke is approved and published by the Board. "Sunstroke is caused by excessive exposure to the rays of the weathered sun." It is more apt to occur on the second, third or fourth day of a heated term than on the first. Loss of sleep, worry, excitement, nervousness, debility, abuse of stimulants, are predisposing causes. It is much more apt to attack those working in the sun, and especially between the hours of 11 o'clock in the morning and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

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The estimated cost of the Hudson River Tunnel is \$15,000,000, of which \$10,000,000 have been subscribed. Active promoters are now in progress on the Jersey side of the shore. The entrance to the tunnel is located on Jersey Avenue, near Fifteenth street, and the excavation will be carried in a northeasterly direction, terminating in Washington square, New York. The tunnel will be 20 feet in diameter, and the cars will pass through it in three minutes. The road bed will be twenty-three feet in width.

Young Folks Column

iron away briskly from the whirling clouds of steam. The ironing of the shirt was a long, boring of Bridget at the wash-tub. But Tuesday he would give a wild scream of delight to hear the thump of Bridget's iron making music for him as he ran merrily down the stairs.

"This is ironing-day?" There was a little iron on the stove, and his little roll of handkerchiefs on the table. How important was Tuesday! He had to be ready for the day when he felt of use in the world. But Bridget, he was quite sure could never manage her ironing without his assistance. So he imagine his small pale stockings twinkling in the rounds of the chair as he climbed up.

"Don't scorch, and don't smooch, and don't number to wipe your iron, now, Peil."

Peil was a little nervous. He had Bridget's niece, and Peil had a wedding ring.

"This is ironing-day!" There was a little iron on the stove, and his little roll of handkerchiefs on the table. How important was Pell on Tuesdays? Those were the days when he felt of use in the world. Pell was quite sure of that, and never made a mistake when ironing without his assistance. He imagined his small plaid stockings twinkling among the rounds of the chair as he climbed up.

"Don't sear, and don't smooch, and remember to wipe your iron, now, Pell."

"I know all about ironing, Bridget Flinnigan," said Pell with a lofty air.

✶ The origin of the name of the kangaroo is thus described in a recent work by Mr. Frank Buckland. When Captain Cook first discovered Australia, he saw some natives on the shore, one of them holding a kangaroo in his hand. The captain ordered the boat's crew ashore to purchase the animals and, finding on receiving it that it was as beast quite new to him, he sent the boatman back to ask the natives its name. "What do you call this 'ere animal' said the captain? "The natives replied, "Kang-ah his head and answered, "Kang-a-roo," which means, in Australian lingo, "I don't understand." When the sailor returned to the ship the captain said, "Well, and what's the name of the animal?" The sailor replied, "Please

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